

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

By Fraley

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Heather Duncan of Manchester upon being named "Mrs. Democrat of 2004" by the Highland Rim Democrats.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this General Assembly to commend those individuals whose energy and enthusiasm bring vigor and excitement to the political process of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Heather Duncan is one such dedicated local political activist, who, throughout her life, has embraced the political process through her recognition of the necessity of citizen involvement and her own personal participation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Duncan enjoyed her first taste of politics at the tender age of five, when she greeted guests at a campaign rally in Columbia for the late United States Senator Mr. Ross Bass; and

WHEREAS, currently serving her third term as Coffee County Circuit Court Clerk, Heather Duncan also helped her father, the late Doyle Hinds, in two successful campaigns for Coffee County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, during her first year as Court Clerk, Mrs. Duncan automated the Circuit Court Clerk's office, improving efficiency in case management and office accounting; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Mrs. Duncan was chosen as "Outstanding State Court Clerk of the Year"; after serving as the Treasurer of the Middle Tennessee Clerk's Association for three terms, Heather Duncan now ably serves the association as its Vice Chairman; and

WHEREAS, a member of the County Officials Association of Tennessee, Mrs. Duncan is the former President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Business

Professionals of America Advisory Council at Coffee County Central High School, and a former member of the Manchester YMCA Board of Directors and Manchester Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Heather Duncan is a charter member of the Highland Rim Democratic Club, and she belongs to the Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee and the Coffee County Democratic Women; and

WHEREAS, a designated Certified Public Administrator, Mrs. Duncan attended the Judicial Leadership Institute upon the selection of the Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Duncan is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her husband, John, a mechanical engineer with General Physics, and their four children; and

WHEREAS, an active member of Grundy Street Church of Christ, Heather Duncan teaches Bible study classes for third and fifth graders; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Coffee County High School, Mrs. Duncan received a Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee Technological University and a Master of Business Administration from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Heather Duncan is an important part of her community, serving the Democratic Party and the people of Coffee County in numerous capacities; she is an active, enthusiastic, and highly respected member of the Manchester and Coffee County communities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Duncan's sterling record of unstinting dedication and support of her party and community are worthy of commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Mrs. Heather Duncan upon being named "Mrs. Democrat of 2004" by the Highland Rim Democratic club, thank her for her commitment to a vital political life for all Tennesseans, and wish her every success in the all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

